

# New Insurance Program Could Save \$1 Million

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What's \$1 million? To you and me as individuals, it's an overwhelming sum almost to staggering to envision. To a county of Los Angeles' size, it is one of the many millions which make up the \$1.38 billion budget.

But to us taxpayers, \$1 million in the county budget can be broken down to about three-fourths of a cent on the tax rate of \$2.68, and every \$1 million supervisors can save is that much off your tax bill.

That's why the plan, which proposed that the county self-insure itself for workmen's compensation, has such appeal. It promises to save the county \$10 million during the next five years and \$1 million annually after that.

THE PROPOSAL has been taken under advisement by the Board of Supervisors until Jan. 7. Meanwhile, I am meeting with various employees' groups they have their reactions, since they get a big stake in the decision.

County experts have assured me that the only major change will be that the county will not

pay premiums to the state for occupational health and safety coverage. It will simply stand good for job-related injuries or accidents itself.

EMPLOYEES must be assured that adoption of the self-insured program will have no ill effects on their benefits. Frankly, I believe the county will do a better job in serving the employees than has been done.

But, just to make certain, the matter has been taken under study and various employees' organizations are being polled.

At this stage, it appears the measure has a good chance for passage. The plan has been adopted in other jurisdictions, including Long Beach where the city realized a \$500,000 savings the first year.

WITH top-flight law enforcement so necessary in these trying days of dissent and a rising crime rate, supervisors have implemented a program to broaden the educational base of deputy sheriffs.

Expanded educational opportunities will be made available to some 1400 sheriffs at a cost of about \$30,000. The program was developed by the Sheriff and Personnel Department and approved by the Civil Service Commission.

Eligible are front-line law enforcement officers at the deputy and sergeant levels. Humanities and social studies will be emphasized in recognition of the increasing need for greater community understanding.

The classes will be conducted

at the junior college level, and courses include anthropology, English, humanities, political science, psychology, social science, sociology, and Spanish. Various conferences and workshops on social programs will be offered.

MEANWHILE, another type of "enforcement agency" continues on the job, protecting the public against shortages in consumer goods.

The County Department of Weights and Measures reported

figures for a busy month of October. Inspectors checked a total of 1,610,209 commodities, rejecting 85,079 as being short of their advertised measurements.

This projects to an annual loss of about \$166,954 to the consumer in 1968.

This county department is on the job to protect the consumer against unscrupulous merchants who would short consumers in their day-to-day dealings. Their efforts result in thousands of dollars in savings to the buyer annually.

# Free Christmas Program Planned at Music Center

Los Angeles County's Ninth Annual Christmas Music Program will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, First Street and Grand Avenue.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who initiated the all-day program in 1959, again serves as coordinator.

Participating in half-hour segments will be church and other choral and musical groups from throughout the county.

The entire program is open free to the public. Last year more than 20,000 persons attended. Free parking is available by entering the Music Center garage on Grand Avenue.

Supervisor Hahn notes that the Christmas Music Program is the one event of the year during which all citizens can enjoy the majesty of the Music Center and the Carols of Christmas without charge.



CHARLES NOLLENBERGER

## Executive Wins High Water Post

Charles Nollenberger, vice president of the Palos Verdes Water Company, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the California Water Association, it was recently announced by out-

Nollenberger, an Army veteran going President Bill Franklin, an and resident of the area for 2 years, lives in Torrance. He is married, with a son serving in Viet Nam and a daughter attending El Camino College.

In addition to his activities for the California Water Association, he is a director of the Palos Verdes Kiwanis and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and is also active in Boy Scouts, currently serving as a district representative for the South Bay District of the Los Angeles area Council of BSA.

## Priority Given for Highway

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today he is placing high priority on the improvement of 223rd Street between Vermont and Normandie Avenues to complete his program to fully develop this major thoroughfare between Western Avenue and Alameda.

The Vermont to Normandie link is scheduled for construction in fiscal 1969-70. Plans and specifications and right of way are completed.

Work on the improvement to widen 223rd Street to six lanes will be coordinated with the completion of a storm drain project now under way in this area.

The city of Los Angeles has cooperated with Hahn's work to fully improve 223rd Street by handling the portion within its jurisdiction between Normandie and Western Avenues.

The section between Figueroa and Main Streets was improved in December, 1966, months ahead of schedule.

Fireman App. Gary A. Steiner, USN, 19, son of Mrs. Marjorie M. Steiner of 25344 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, participated in "hunter-killer" anti submarine warfare exercises in Hawaiian waters aboard the anti-submarine warfare aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

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